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Reduced Corner Leakage of Container Capacitors
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's requirement for an election of species, mailed November 14, 2002, in the above-identified patent application, Applicant elects:

- a) the surface modifying agent as comprising a nitrogen containing gas; and
- b) the nitride receptive material as comprising a semiconductive material.

As indicated by the Examiner, the following claims are readable thereon: Claims 1-5, 9-17, 20-23, 30-31, 36-43, 47-52, 55-58, 60-65, 72-76, 78, 80-83, 85, 87-88, 90, 125-126, 128, 130-132, and 134-136.

Applicant believes that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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